

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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Reduced Sale of Wheat under OMSS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has reduced the quantity of wheat to be sold under the Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS) in 2016-17 against 10 MT last year and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has decided to further extend 25 per cent import duty on wheat to curb inward shipments, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether the private traders have so far imported 5 lakh tonne of wheat from Australia and France, if so, the details thereof along with a detailed break-up of the quantum of price of such imports during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a): Yes, Madam. Food Corporation of India (FCI) sells wheat in the open market from time to time under Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) through e-auction thereby to liquidate surplus stock of wheat in the Central Pool over and above stocking norms. Details of the targets set for sale of wheat and the quantity sold during 2015-16 and 2016-17 are as under:-

(Quantity in LMT)

Year

Target

Quantity sold

2015-16

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70.77

2016-17

65-75

33.10 (upto 24.11.2016)

(b): Government has reduced the import duty of wheat from 25% to 10% vide notification dated 23.09.2016.

(c): Yes, Madam. Details of import of wheat by the private trader from Australia and France during the last three years are as under :-
(Details as per DGFT website)

Sl. No.

Australia

France

Value in

Rs. Lacs

Quantity

(MT)

Value in Rs. Lacs

Quantity (MT)

2016-17 (Apr-Aug)

25,227.60

1,54,267.64

7,205.13

53,100

2015-16

79,452.49

4,62,602.03

7,364.86

52,500

2014-15

5,696.16

26,933.47

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